

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-11, 15 and 16 are pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 12-14 and 17 are canceled.

Page 2 of the Office Action objects to the lack of claim identifiers or claims 2-7, 9-11, 13 and 14. Claim identifiers have been added to these claims obviating the need for the objection.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication in the Office Action that claims 1-11, 15 and 16 contain patentable subject matter.

Page 2 of the Office Action rejects claims 12, 14 and 17 under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by US Patent 4,135,632 to Berkel (“Berkel”) or US Patent 3,489,294 to Greb et al. (“Greb”). Claims 12, 14 and 17 are canceled without prejudice, thus, eliminating the cause for the rejection. It is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims twin, 14 and 17 under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Berkel or Greb be withdrawn.

Page 2 of the Office Action rejects claims 12-14 and 17 under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by US Patent 3,754,665 to Eiler (“Eiler”). Claims 12-14 and 17 are canceled without prejudice, thus, eliminating the cause for this rejection. It is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 12-14 and 17 as anticipated by Eiler be withdrawn.

According to the Office Action the remaining claims, i.e., claims 1-11, 15 and 16, are allowable. Prompt allowance of this application is respectfully solicited.

Any fees or charges due as a result of filing of the present paper may be charged against Deposit Account 04-0525.

Respectfully,

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